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***IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION***

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.26533 OF 2024

1. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] ... Petitioners

Versus

1. State of Maharashtra
2. State of Delhi
At the instance of Nizamuddin Police
Station, New Delhi. ... Respondents

Mr. Diwakar Dwivedi i/b Mr. Shubham Tripathi for the Petitioners.

Ms. P. P. Shinde, A.P.P for the Respondent-State.

***CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &
DR. NEELA GOKHALE, JJ.
DATE : 3rd JANUARY 2025
(IN CHAMBERS)***

P.C. :

1. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioners seeks leave to amend to mask the names of the petitioners, in the peculiar facts of this case and instead replace it with an alphabet. Leave to amend is also granted to remove the papers annexed to the petition

and place the same in an envelope which will be sealed thereafter. Leave granted. The said amendments to be carried out within one week from today.

2. By this petition, the petitioners essentially seek continuation of the security provided to the petitioners by the police, to avoid any untoward incident at the instance of the family members of the petitioner Nos.1 and 2.

3. The petitioner Nos. 1 and 2 are aged 19 and 20 years respectively. Both the petitioner Nos.1 and 2, residents of Afghanistan are residing in India since 2017 and have a refugee status. To the petition are annexed the UNHCR Refugee Identity Cards issued to the petitioner Nos.1 and 2. The petitioner No.2 got married to the petitioner No.3 an Indian Citizen, on 5th June 2024 as per Hindu customs and rites in Haryana. In view of the inter-religious marriage, the petitioners apprehend danger to their lives from the family members of the petitioner Nos.1 and 2. We interacted with the

petitioner Nos.1 and 2. The petitioner No.2 disclosed to us that she got married to the petitioner No.3 on her own volition and that she is happily residing with the petitioner No.3 and has no grievance against the petitioner No.3. Even the petitioner No.1 states that she has come with the petitioner Nos.2 and 3 on her own volition and wants to stay with the said petitioners.

4. It appears that the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh vide order dated 14th June 2024 had directed the police to provide necessary protection to the petitioners after assessing threat perception to their life. We are informed by the learned counsel for the petitioners that pursuant to the said order, the police of Chandigarh had granted protection to the petitioners. We are also informed that presently even the Mumbai Police have granted police protection to the petitioners and that the same will be continued till the said threat persists.

5. Stand over to 28th January 2025.

6. It is always open for the petitioners to take appropriate steps as far as prayer clause 'b', which seeks a direction to the respondent No.2-State of Delhi and Nizamuddin Police Station to close the inquiry and investigation initiated on the false allegations of the family members of the petitioner Nos.1 and 2.

All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.